

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District “SCIDD” was formed in 1928 which is a water supply consisting primarily of Gila River water and groundwater provided by San Carlos Irrigation Project “SCIP”; and

**WHEREAS,** SCIDD’s system, which contains over 200 miles of unlined canals and laterals, is more than 100 years old and loses excessive amounts of water each year; and

**WHEREAS,** SCIDD currently is in the process of improving canals and facilities that serve all 100,000 acres of SCIDD and Gila River Indian Community “GRIC” lands within SCIP, with funds from the Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004; and

**WHEREAS,** water scarcity in Pinal County is an increasingly acute issue, and a canal lining project would yield significant water conservation savings estimated at more than 50,000 acre-feet annually; and

**WHEREAS,** SCIDD will exhaust all of its available funding prior to the completion of the next canal project, precluding rehabilitation of more than 18 miles of old, unlined main canals and regulatory reservoirs, and over 200 miles of earthen laterals; and

**WHEREAS,** the only impediment to the success of SCIDD’s canal rehabilitation program is the lack of sufficient funds, with the project estimated to cost approximately \$300 million and includes construction of a 300 acre-foot mid-system regulatory reservoir;

NOW THEREFORE, I Chip Wilson, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona do hereby proclaim:

1. The City Council supports the current efforts in the United States Congress to enact water infrastructure legislation to improve the conservation of water with existing projects and to construct new projects needed to increase the supply of water for Arizona.

2. The City Council supports congressional efforts to procure the necessary water conservation and infrastructure funding at the next possible funding opportunity, to safeguard Arizona’s precious water supplies for the well-being of Arizona’s citizens, communities, environment and economy.

Signed and attested to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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WALTER “CHIP” WILSON  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER PENA  
City Clerk